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IWIL CALENDAR 2008

JUNE

Date: Thursday, June 19
Time: Luncheon (11:30 a.m.)
Location: Inn at 835
Program: "Mentoring: The Key to Success" with Linda Dillon

JULY

Date: Thursday, July 24
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Island Bay Yacht Club
Program: IWIL Summer Social



SAVE THE DATE!

IWIL SUMMER SOCIAL!

You won't want to miss this fun networking event at Island Bay Yacht Club, Thursday, July 24, starting at 5:30 p.m. on the back patio. Look for an email with details and registration info coming soon!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

IWIL PROGRAMS 3RD THURSDAY EACH MONTH

Soon the program line-up for the August 2008 – July 2009 IWIL year will be published. Look here and online for topics and speakers (www.iwil.biz) but mark your calendar ahead of time for the 3rd Thursday!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Re-Entry

Karen Loeb Westbrook, IWIL President

The trip to Infinity and Beyond has been a very exhilarating one for me and IWIL. I set several objectives which included providing a smooth ride, increasing the payload (members) and involving the new members in being part of the crew. I believe that we have met these objectives. Additionally, our outreach efforts have been terrific evidenced by the number of guests attending each meeting.

Two of our members, **Carlissa Puckett** and **Evelyn Brandt Thomas** were recognized as Security Bank Women of the Year. Several other members were nominated. It is a tribute to our organization that these women who have traveled to "Infinity and Beyond" take time from their busy schedules to join our meetings.

The April award meeting was an inspiration, as always. It is such a joy to hear the enthusiasm of these young women setting off on their journey in life. The four award winners were outstanding. Their goals, enthusiasm and poise took my breath away. Let's not forget the winner of our Diamond Award, **Diane Rutledge**, whose acceptance remarks gave credit to everyone else for her successes. What a wonderful morning.

As I put my feet back on solid ground, I wish the new officers the best of luck. IWIL is a wonderful organization comprised of many talents women who will always be reaching "To Infinity and Beyond!"



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Leah Boente-Hulcher, Co-Owner, Physiotherapy Professionals
Sharon Riechers, Audit Manager, Bunn-O-Matic

MEMBER RENEWALS DUE JUNE 30

You should have received your IWIL membership renewal form by now. It's due back to IWIL by June 30. You can also find the form online www.iwil.biz/JoinIWIL.htm.

CHRYSA LIS AWARD

TEELA WHYTE

The [IWIL Chrysalis Award](#) presents a \$1,000 scholarship for to a woman who is returning to college in either a full- or part-time capacity after being away from school. Teela Whyte returned to the University of Illinois at Springfield to pursue a degree in social work after being away from school for several years. She has an associate's degree in Psychology from Lincoln Land Community College and is a volunteer for SPARC. Below is an excerpt from her essay.

"The first principle that I can relate to is 'Empowering Others.' This principle is the sole basis for why I am in college in the first place. My career goal is to become a licensed clinical social worker and social work is all about empowering people. Empowerment, to me, means helping people to realize the innate power and control they possess to change anything and everything in their lives.

Growing up in East St. Louis and the Eastside of Springfield did not provide me with many positive role models to look up to. The celebrities that we idolize on television are too surreal to relate to. My hope for my future is to be able to be that role model for young girls charge through obstacles like I have. Nothing is impossible and I want to relate that to young women who think otherwise. I found my empowerment in the form of education. School was that source of control for me."

IWIL SCHOLARSHIP

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE IWIL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

INSPIRATIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM HELD APRIL 17

Thanks to IWIL's generous member donations, we were able to award three \$1,000 [academic scholarships](#) this year to several remarkable area senior high school young women. **Jill Leka**, IWIL Scholarship Chair, coordinated the review process with the Sangamon County Community Foundation, which administers the scholarships applications, pre-screening for eligibility, fund investment and distribution. Members of the IWIL Scholarship Committee reviewed 32 applications to determine 8 candidates to the Interview Committee. The winning applicants and their proud parents joined IWIL members at the April 17 program at the Sangamo Club. It was an inspirational event and one you won't want to miss next year as each senior read her essay and detailed their extraordinary efforts made to one or more aspects of the IWIL Credo. Here are introductory remarks made by IWIL's **Sharon Thornton Knop** and excerpts from their essays.

Sharon: "Our first winner is **Sierra Campbell**, a student at **Sacred Heart-Griffin High School**. Sierra has been on the high honor role throughout high school and is an Illinois State Scholar. She is a member of the Math and Key clubs, editor in chief for the yearbook, National Honor Society and writes for The State Journal-Register "Voice."

Anna Czapar attends **Rochester High School** and ranks number one in her class. Anna is the captain of her Scholastic Bowl team. She is a member of the German, Spanish and Speech clubs. She volunteers for the Big Buddy Mentoring Program and Multiple other community services. Anna plans to attend the University of Illinois to study Bioengineering.

Hannah Klebe is a student at **Riverton High School** where she ranks number one in her class of 105. She also is a member of the Drama, Spanish and Key clubs. She is an Illinois State Scholar and on the National Honor Society. Hannah volunteers at Lawrence Adult Education Center as an interpreter between Spanish speaking students and their teachers. She plans to attend Illinois State University in the fall."

In closing Knop asked the parents of these young ladies to stand. She said: "Our organization would like to thank you for the job you have done in supporting, nurturing and challenging these outstanding young women to be all that they can and exemplifying what we mean by "IWIL."

Here are short excerpts from each winner's 500-word essay, an important part of the evaluation criteria for the IWIL Scholarship.

Sierra Campbell

"Women leaders have several defining attributes. These attributes are true of every leader and are expressed through their words and actions. Without these qualities, which are expressed in the Illinois Women in Leadership's Credo include promoting professionalism, mentoring, educating the world, leaving a legacy,

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SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGs)

Want to network more with other Illinois Women in Leadership members by sharing a more personal side of yourself?

Volunteers have started small special interest groups (SIGs) that meet outside the time constraints of our monthly meetings. If you want to join or start a SIG, contact **Annette Piper** at apiper@ibankmarine.com.

Book Club

Marianne Jackson, 217-498-8962

See the [IWIL online calendar](#) for schedule and current reading selection.

Festival of Trees 2008

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Gardening

JoAnn Abrams, 217-546-2249 or
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Golf

Sharon Thornton Knop, 217-496-3050 or Mallorie Teubner, 217-720-0729

Gourmet

Susan Fulks, 217-483-2774

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Scrapbooking

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Support Group for Members with Aging Parents – LOVE

Marianne Jackson, 217-498-8962

The Underwires

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and giving back to the community. As a women leader, I believe I embody each of these qualities.

Promoting professionalism has become evident in my life over the past year. In August 2007 I began my internship with the State Journal-Register's teen section "The Voice." The Voice is featured every Tuesday and is not only written by teens but teens also compose its targeted audience. As an intern, I worked at the State Journal-Register, assisting my editor in a variety of tasks including writing stories, interviewing sources, organizing information and miscellaneous weekly features."

Anna Czapar

"I believe that the old saying is true, the most important way to lead is by example. People may not remember your name, but by making a positive impact in your community, your contributions will last a long time. There are both famous and anonymous women in Illinois who have made a difference in their communities, through education, empower others, and doing more than their part.

One important Illinois woman who embodies these traits is Jan Adams. In the late 1800s, many of Chicago's immigrants had no way to become literate or improve their lives. Adams worked to change that by offering English, reading, writing and other classes at the Hull House. The changes she made in these people's lives cannot be overstated.

Another woman involved in the community and in leadership is my mother, Sally Czapar. It is from my mother that I learned the importance of giving back to the community and how I learned to be a strong, independent woman."

Hannah Klebe

"It is a volatile issue. No matter whom you ask, everyone has an opinion on it. It's addressed during every presidential debate. Immigration – both legal and illegal. For decades our country has welcomed foreigners. However, due to many circumstances, that has changed. We are now faced with many problems surrounding the immigration issue. I feel one of the major problems with this is the lack of understanding and communication between cultures. Through education, I hope to one day change this.

"My desire is to actually be involved in the process of bridging the communication gap. And I'm not just waiting until later to do it! During my junior year, I volunteered in an English as a Second Language (ESL) class at Lawrence Education Center in Springfield. In the class, I acted as an interpreter between the Spanish-speaking students and the teacher. Throughout the course of this class, Tuesday evenings from August 2006 to April 2007, I was able to witness firsthand the progress of the student's grasp of the language and it was very satisfying to know I played a small part in their learning of the language."

Learn more about IWIL Scholarships or volunteer for the committee! www.iwil.biz/Scholar.htm

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“To Infinity and Beyond”



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MEETING SURVEY

CHANGES TAKE EFFECT 2009/2010 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Each year IWIL leadership reviews meeting attendance to note trends, and this past year revealed significant declines in breakfast meeting attendance. Last month we asked IWIL members in an email survey for their preference for luncheon meetings or breakfast meetings. Overwhelmingly members voted to have luncheon meetings instead of breakfast meetings. These changes will take effect starting in the 2009/2010 program schedule since contracts have already been negotiated for the 2008-2009 year.

- Annette Piper, IWIL Vice President

ANNOUNCING OFFICERS FOR 2008-2009!

President - **Annette Piper**

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MEMBER RENEWALS DUE JUNE 30

SEND IN THE FORM EVEN IF YOU HAVE NO CHANGES!

Renewal forms have been sent out. Don't forget to mail the form along with your check for \$60 made payable to IWIL no later than June 30, 2008. Please include your membership renewal form with your check even if no changes are necessary. If we receive a check without a renewal form, the check will be returned and could delay your membership status. You can find the form online at www.iwil.biz/JoinIWIL.htm.

- Brenda Shutz, Director Chair

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

NEXT IWIL PROGRAM

When: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday, June 19

Where: Inn at 835

Topic: “Mentoring: The Key to Success”

Speaker: **Linda Dillon, Business Specialist, Springfield Black Chamber of Commerce**

What is a mentor? Why is having a mentor important for success? How do you select a mentor or protégé? Learn about this critical relationship and how mentors provide information, good examples, and advice to protégés and help them move up into leadership positions.

Cost: \$17 Members, \$18 Guests (by June 13), \$22 at the door

Reservation form at www.iwil.biz, Calendar & Activities.